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The Editor's Page

WORK AND GLORY ENOUGH FOR ALL

If one were to read carefully and critically the stories of dissensions and mud-slinging and unfair oppositions in some of our social, business, religious, educational and fraternal organizations, he would be likely to get the impression that there are only a few places of dignity and honor that can be held by colored people and that each one of them wants these places and is willing to have resort to any method to procure them.

The Better Way

There is a better way to honors and respect and high position than the continual casting of stones at those who already stand high in public estimation.

If one would find this way, he must discover a real need of his community, his State, his country or his race; and then strive with might and main to supply this need. He must do something that the world needs done; say something that ought to be said; oppose something that deserves to fail; support something that deserves support. But in doing any of these things, one must not be consciously seeking honors; for in that case, these will take wings and fly away.

Broad Opportunities for Negroes

A colored person's opportunities to attain to distinction are more numerous than are those of white persons, despite a general belief to the contrary. There are more things to be done for our race than for the white race and fewer persons doing them. There are more fields unexplored by Negroes than is true in the case of white persons. To put it another way: fewer Negroes have attained distinction in various fields than has been true of white persons so that there is more room for Negroes to distinguish themselves.

On first thought, in view of the caste system in the United States, the proscriptive laws aimed against colored people and the number of doors that are closed against our race on grounds of color, it would seem that our chances for distinction are infinitely less than those of our white brother. I believe this is not the case.

Unplowed Fields

Take the simple matter of one of the proscriptive laws—the separate coach law. Here is a great opportunity for some colored man or woman. Any Negro who succeeds in procuring what the laws prescribe, i. e., "separate but **equal** accommodations" for colored passengers—any colored person who can accomplish this within the law—I do not mean that the races are to ride together—any Negro who can help the railroads comply with State laws and yet permit a colored man or woman who must ride two or more days to have food properly served at proper times just as the more favored passengers have; and a place to sleep when nighttime comes—any Negro who can bring this to pass on all railroads operating separate cars for the races will find honors enough from his race to satisfy anyone.

In the Field of Business

Our great financier is yet to appear. There died not a great while ago a white wizard of finance—J. Pierpont Morgan. Whenever a great number of business organizations were to be merged into one, the thoughts of those favoring the merger turned to Mr. Morgan, because he had a genius for consolidating firms.

Where is the Negro who will take the colored business firms of a city or State and weld them into one strong body?

In the Fields of Medicine and Surgery

A great many Negro physicians and surgeons we already have; but where is the Negro who will discover a cure for cancer, for tuberculosis, for the bite of the rattler? Who will learn how to perform operations without risk to the patient? These fields are open to the Negro as to others.

Applied Charity

Thousands of colored girls go to the cities from the country and are lost, annually, to the finer life of the race. The man or woman of color who can devise a workable scheme by which this loss can be prevented, really prevented, will not lack for the honors which warm the heart.

In Education

In the rural districts of the South tens of thousands and hundreds of thousands of Negro children have not adequate public school facilities. Where is the Negro with a workable plan who can break the bread of knowledge to these children? give them eight months in school under good teachers and house them in comfortable school buildings?

In the Industrial North

Where the trade unions are most strongly entrenched in the North, the Negro artisan has little opportunity to earn his bread. That Negro who opens

the door to the colored workers debarred by reason of color will be honored enough.

Fields Too Numerous to Mention

The fields I have mentioned are merely suggestive. The opportunities open to Negroes inside of their race are too numerous to mention. If a man is searching for honors and distinction, he has but to pause and examine his race around him and he can easily see what needs to be done.

Of course, constructive thinking is difficult, but constructive thinking and acting are the work to which the world gives honors and distinction; and if a man is unwilling to do that kind of work, he need not expect the world to turn aside to give him notice nor respect.

—ISAAC FISHER.

THE MACON COUNTY TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

A very profitable meeting of the Macon County Teachers' Institute was held March 3, in the Assembly Room of Carnegie Library.

The trustees of the various schools of the county were present and did much to swell the occasion.

The meeting opened with a song, "I Will Sing," and Rev. Whittaker read the Scripture Lesson and offered prayer.

Miss Sara L. Woodall then made the opening remarks, after which Mrs. Laura T. Jones, Principal of the Children's House of Tuskegee Institute gave words of cheer and encouragement to the teachers. She urged the teachers to know more of the home life of the children whom they teach, to have a sympathetic spirit for the children, for in many cases the many troubles that arise at school come from sources other than the school.

"Music in Rural Schools" was the first subject for discussion.

Mrs. E. D. Washington said that cheerful songs should be taught the children and the songs of the seasons should be taught at the proper times.

Mrs. L. T. Jones said that good, lively enthusiasm on the part of the teacher will bring good singing into the schools.

Music by the Agricultural Glee Club was rendered and well received.

The next subject, "Illiteracy Work Done in my Community," was discussed at length by Mr. Trawick, Miss Martin, Miss Weston, Mr. Barney and Mr. Wynn, a member of the Senior Class of Tuskegee Institute who has been teaching in the county.

Night schools for the people of the communities who cannot read and write are conducted by the above-named persons.

All made interesting and thrilling reports concerning the wiping out of illiteracy in their respective communities. The people were most eager to learn and the results are most satisfactory. It was brought out that these schools for the illiterates made the people co-operate more than ever before.

"What I am doing to reach the home life of my people," was the next subject on program. Mrs. Davis led in the discussion. She told how she taught the children to keep the premises of the school clean, how to make simple things to beautify the home, and the children were trying to do the same work in their homes.

Miss Tisby Ray reaches the home life of her people through her children.

Miss Marion Martin has done good work through her Woman's Club, Night School and Cooking Class.

We were next favored with an inspiring talk from Mrs. Booker T. Washington.

She expressed herself as being gratified at the reports the teachers made on illiteracy. She urged the teachers to teach the people to read the newspapers. She told of two schools that she had visited recently: the first was most desirable, clean, the yards were well kept and the children were clean.

The other school was most undesirable, the teachers, grounds and buildings, and the children also, were dirty. She urged the teachers to set a high standard for personal cleanliness, personal appearance, etc., cleanliness of homes, schools and surroundings.

Mr. Isaac Fisher spoke earnestly on "Joining the Public School and the Church." Mr. Fisher said that the dominant interest in all communities is religion. The teacher should make the people feel that the work of the school is the work for Jesus. The teacher should be part and parcel of the religious work of the community and when this is true the public school and the church will be joined.

Mrs. C. W. Greene told how her school served as a social center for her community. First, she made her school attractive. She is an active member of the church of her community and linked the church work of her community with the work of the school.

The Farmers' Conference and the Mothers' Club have their meetings at the schoolhouse. Any problems that arise in the community are brought to the school.

The trustees who were present told how they are working to extend the school terms by having school farms.

Announcement was made of the State Teachers' Association, to be held in Birmingham April 5, 6, 7, by Mr. C. J. Calloway; of the School Gardens, by Mr. Huggins; of the Summer School for Teachers at Tuskegee Institute, by Mr. E. C. Roberts.

The meeting closed and the teachers left inspired with the thought that it is a privilege to be able to serve others.

DORINDA K. MCMILLAN.

NEGRO FARM AGENTS SEE DEMONSTRATION AT TUSKEGEE FARM

Quinn, Watt and Others Make Addresses of Practical Nature to Negroes

Tuskegee Institute, Ala., Feb. 26.—For three days, beginning February 24th, and ending February 26th, thirteen Negro farm demonstration and extension agents working in the State of Alabama under the auspices of the Auburn Polytechnic Institute and the United States Department of Agriculture, became real students.

The meeting was the most successful and instructive one held in the history of demonstration work. In opening the three days school, Director J. P. Duggar said:

"You were not called here today for the purpose of making long speeches on what you have been doing nor to hand in written reports on the same, but the object is to witness actual demonstration, study them and discuss the best means of helping not only the farmers but, all the people in your respective territories."

The following program was carried out:

Thursday: Class-room lectures on the boll weevil, peanuts, velvet beans, fertilizers and plant diseases. Thursday night the student-body, faculty and families of the village assembled in the Institute Chapel and listened to inspiring talks by the colored agents, a lecture by I. T. Quinn, of Montgomery, and an address by Dr. J. F. Duggar of Auburn.

Friday: J. T. Watt, State agent pre-

sided, during which time he took the agents to witness field demonstrations on the terracing of land, pruning and spraying of fruit trees, the saving and canning of sweet potatoes and the making of mixed feed for live stock.

Prof. G. R. Bridgeforth, director of agriculture at Tuskegee, made it possible for the visiting agents to receive a valuable store of information which they will, in turn, give to hundreds of Negro farmers in Alabama.—Montgomery Advertiser.

CONFERENCE AGENT'S EXPERIENCES

(Editor's note.—Mr. Wm. Rakestraw is continually traveling in rural districts and because of his interest in rural subjects and his practical services for this paper, we are glad to publish notes about his trips.)

(Special to The Negro Farmer)

Prattville, Alabama,
February 28, 1916.

Mr. W. M. Rakestraw, of Tuskegee Institute, addressed a large audience at Pinklily Baptist Church about seven miles northwest of Prattville Sunday, February 20th. The subject of Mr. Rakestraw's address was: "I must fight if I would reign." He urged the people to fight against ignorance, poverty, immorality, drunkenness and other vices. He impressed upon the people the importance of building better homes and schoolhouses. His address was, indeed, interesting and the hearers were filled with enthusiasm. They were awakened as never before to a sense of their duties. Oh, that Mr. Rakestraw may return and bring others with him to inspire these people to higher causes.

As a result of Mr. Rakestraw's address many efforts are being put into effect to promote the intellectual growth of this community. A school trustee board has been reorganized and a Mothers' Club organized. Rev. T. J. Hall, the pastor, is a wide-awake young man and is putting forth untiring efforts to assist in raising his congregation to the level of those elsewhere. The officers of the school board and Mothers' Club are as follows:

Board: Mr. J. B. Rowe, President; Mr. Jack O'Neal, Secretary; Mr. B. H. Hall, Treasurer.

Mothers' Club: Mrs. J. B. Rowe, President; Mrs. Eleanor Gholson, Vice-President; Mrs. Effie Moss, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Mary Oden, Corresponding Secretary.

With such strong men and women as these, this community can but go forward to success. The School Board has already lengthened the school term one month. They are also planning to buy land and build a State school. Any words of encouragement will be very much appreciated.

Yours respectfully,

MRS. MAGGIE KELLY SPENCER,
Teacher.

RURAL CHILDREN DESERVE BETTER FACILITIES

Some of the Things Which Should Be Done for the 12,000,000 Children In the Rural Districts

There are in the United States 20,000,000 school children. Over 12,000,000 (60 per cent) of these children are attending 250,000 rural schools. The country schoolhouse is the worst, the most unsanitary and inadequate type of building in the whole country, including not only buildings for human beings, but also those used for our live stock.

Rural school children are less healthy and are handicapped by more physical defects than are the children of the cities, including even the children of the slums.

Healthful and attractive rural schools are absolutely essential to the physical, mental, social, economic and moral well-being of the children themselves, and to the life and welfare of the nations as a whole.

Country school children should have as sanitary and attractive schools, and as intelligent and effective health care as school children in the cities.

The health care of rural school children should include at the least the following:

Schoolhouses sanitary and attractive, well ventilated, lighted, cleaned, and equipped within and without.

Teachers better trained and better paid to do their logical and full share in carrying out a health program.

Health examinations, including dental inspection, once a year.

Follow-up health work by district and school nurses.

Health care in the school, including health instruction, warm school lunches, tooth brush drills and inculcation of all health habits.

Provision for removal of injurious defects by dental clinics, health clinics, etc.

Co-operation of all available individuals and organizations for the promotion of health and welfare of country school children.

Country children deserve as much health and happiness as city children.

Country children are entitled to as careful cultivation as livestock and crops.—Minimum Health Requirements for Rural Schools Bureau of Education.

FARMERS' CONFERENCE AT THE VOORHEES INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, DENMARK, S. C.

The Seventh Annual Farmers' Conference convened Wednesday, February 16, at the above mentioned place. The day was ideal, and the farmers came from far and near, there being from 1,500 to 2,000 persons present.

It was indeed a refreshing sight to see this great body of people eager for information as to how they might better their conditions on the farm, in the home, and in the community.

The necessity of good drainage on the farm, soil building, how to grow large crops of corn, best methods of growing cotton, benefits derived from the demonstration work, value of mothers' clubs, schoolhouse buildings, the need of better churches, stock raising, the value of a good garden, poultry raising, and many other important subjects were touched upon.

Many brought samples of soil, eggs, and a number of things upon which they wished information. Some lingered over until the next day to get special information about their land, crops, stock, etc.

A fine agricultural parade formed a part of the closing exercises—a number of handsomely decorated floats passed in review, while the class rooms, shops, and various activities of the school were all open for inspection; and intelligent and courteous guides were ever on the alert to show visitors through.

This conference was organized years ago, and is yet presided over by Mr. E. D. Jenkins, United States Farm Demonstration Agent for Barnberg County. Mr. Jenkins is a graduate of the Tuskegee Institute, and is doing excellent work.

The school was organized in 1897 by Miss Elizabeth Evelyn Wright, also a Tuskegee graduate. Under her wise guidance the school grew and flourished. After her death her husband, Mr.

Martin A. Menafee, a graduate of Tuskegee Institute, carried the work along in a most effective way, and the property valuation at present is more than $181,965.50.

Mr. Menafee has gathered about him a splendid corps of real helpers, many of whom are Tuskegee graduates.

One does not have to be there long to see that the Voorhees Industrial School is yielding a mighty influence for good far beyond its immediate surroundings.

STATE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION DAYS TO BE HOLIDAYS FOR TEACHERS

Notice Sent Out By State Department of Education

State Superintendent of Education, Wm. F. Feagin, has set apart 5th, 6th, and 7th as holidays for teachers who attend the State Teachers' Association in Birmingham on those days. His letter to the boards of education is as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
ALABAMA

Montgomery, Feb. 21, 1916.

To Boards of Education:

The State Educational Association for the colored teachers of Alabama will meet in annual session in Birmingham on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, April 5th, 6th, and 7th. This is decidedly the most significant meeting of the year, and every teacher should attend.

It is especially desirable that the enrollment this year be as large and as representative as possible, in order that the adjustment to our new legislation may be simplified as much as possible. I wish to urge, therefore, that you set apart the above days as holidays, authorizing such teachers as attend to be paid as for time taught, and that you insist that the teachers under your jurisdiction attend this annual session.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) WM. F. FEAGIN,
Supt. of Education.

DEDICATING RURAL SCHOOL AT UCHEE VALLEY

To the Negro Farmer:

The people of Russell County are up and doing.

On February 11th, the County was visited by Mr. James L. Sibley, Rural School Agent; Mr. C. J. Calloway, Rev. J. W. Whittaker and Mr. Robinson, as a dedication exercise of the two schools —Uchee Valley and Mt. Olive.

The party was met by the teachers and Mrs. J. I. Doggett, County Supervisor, at Uchee Valley School at ten o'clock. After going over the school farm, barns and seeing the hogs, cows, they were ushered into the school chapel, this being a large spacious room, well ventilated, beautiful, painted walls and desks, and in fact, everything that a city child would expect; although it is ten miles from any town. This school was given for the most part by Hon. F. M. DeGraffenreid, the County Superintendent. It only expresses his idea of what kind of a school a Negro child should have; he has in every way shown his interest in Negro Education as well as white in Russell County. This kind of a Superintendent should always exist, not only in Russell County, but in all counties.

The exercises were begun; Mr. Calloway was first to speak. He gave in his usual way his long reaching advice. The people after hearing him, felt that they would, one and all, like to begin over and live some of the wasted days in doing more for themselves and their neighbors.

Rev. Whittaker was then called upon. He took up in his calm manner the real life of his people and ended by leaving with them the three things God had given them: Body, Mind and Field. He so beautifully explained each part that even the smallest child would know just what he meant. He also urged upon the people to educate their children, to prepare them, for there was a better day. When he was done, there was a feeling of a good hand-shake that you could see in the eyes of all those who looked upon him.

Mr. Sibley was then called upon—Mr. Sibley is the one man that all Negroes are proud of, and just calling his name in the audience there was an expression of joy.

The school children with the teacher, Professor Vines, gave the school yell for him, after which he began his talk. He urged the people at Uchee Valley to make the school all that a school could be, and told them that it was not where the race was going, but where it came from. He encouraged the people in many ways and urged that they make Uchee Valley a school that they would be proud of.

Hon. F. M. DeGraffenreid was then called upon. The children with enthusiasm yelled and sang the school song for him and as they listen to no one, as they do him he began by saying, "If you think well of me it is because I have paid for it. If anyone has thought well of me, it is because they pay for it by doing the things that please one."

He told in a common sense way what it took for every-day life; not something that would help in a year or years, but now, how to make a good, honest living and reliable citizens.

He advised them, urged them to stay out of debt; live within their means and pay the price by honest labor.

The teachers were called upon by Prof. Vines and each spoke of their work in detail. Mrs. Doggett was asked to say a word, but owing to the lateness of the hour, it was impossible for her to make a talk. The teachers of Uchee Valley are: Professor James L. Vines, Miss Louise Davis, Miss Madeline Abercrombie.

(MRS.) J. I. DOGGETT.

EICH'S PROGRESSIVE CLUB

Negro Farmer and Messenger,
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama.

Dear Editor: Please allow me space in your paper to make a report for our community club known as the Eich's Progressive Club on the Tuskegee Railway.

Last March when Dr. Washington was having the whitewashing done along the Tuskegee Railway, Mr. Eich who owns a plantation on that road asked Prof. Rakestraw to look into the condition of the families on his place and try to interest them along the lines of better living. Prof. Rakestraw met the people and spoke to them with such magnetism that all of the community were drawn into the club which he organized—Eich's Progressive Club. Mr. Eich and his white renters attended the meetings when possible. At the last meeting for the year which was held at the president's home, the 7th inst, Mr. Eich was not present but sent in a report stating that he felt that the community had been greatly helped by Mr. Rakestraw's visits; he stated that the banks being cleaned up and rows being worked to the ends bespeak increased interest. He asked Mr. Rakestraw to continue his visits which he added had not only helped the renters but himself as well. He raised more potatoes (600 bu.) than he has ever before raised.

The members of the club reported as follows: Mrs. Emily Stewart whose husband follows public works, raised 21 bushels potatoes, 25 gallons of syrup, 40 bushels corn, 200 bundles fodder, 600 stalks of sugar cane, bedded, 29 jars of fruit, 2 bushels peas, has a cow giving milk, will kill 400 or 500 pounds of meat and have two hogs to carry over.

Mrs. Stewart paid her rent and has the above clear of all debts.

Rev. George Bryant began the year with not an ear of corn (he puts it), worked on shares and raised 80 bushels of corn, 337 bundles of fodder, 30 bushels sweet potatoes, 20 bushels peanut, 16 bushels peas, 2000 lbs. pea vine hay. He has of his own a nice lot of chickens, 2 hogs, plenty of canned fruit, an evergreen garden. Rev. Bryant paid out of debt and will bank $40.

Mrs. Marcus raised 15 bushels potatoes, 30 bushels corn, 6 bushels peas, 5 bushels ground peas, 3 hogs, will kill one weighing 200 pounds, she has 5 cows, 2 of which are now giving milk, she has 26 jars of canned fruit, has 8 gallons of syrup, plenty of chickens, greens, hay and fodder. Mrs. Marcus paid out of debt and gives Mr. Rakestraw credit saying, "Many times I went to work when I didn't want to work because I didn't want Mr. Rakestraw to be quarrelling with us."

The writer being a wage hand wishes to report products raised on side patches by working mostly at night: 9 hogs, 2 bushels peas, 3 bushels peanuts, 20 bushels corn, 100 bushels of potatoes, 11 gallons syrup, milk, butter and eggs.

Mr. Robert Graves, Mr. Egwood Harris, both have good gardens, paid out of debt and cleared some money. Every family here has done better this year than in previous years and we are bent on making still more progress during the coming year.

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Jno. Edmonds, who lives on R. 2, Marion, had the biggest yield on his acre—75 4-5 bu., and received the first honor as mentioned above. The second prize was won by Erin Ford of R. 3, Sprott, Ala., who made 60 bushels on 1 acre. Lumzie F. Huff, of R. 1, Sprott, gets third prize, his yield being 47 1-7 bushels. Time and space will not permit us to give the names of all the boys. Any way, they all deserve honorable mention. The new school building work prevented us from giving attention to the Corn Club work as we desired.

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An Extension School for Negroes has just been conducted for three days in Mobile County.

During this period meetings were held at Mt. Vernon, Citronelle, Russell and Grand Bay. The work was under the supervision of T. M. Campbell, U. S. Demonstration Agent for Alabama, assisted by C. W. Greene and Juanita Coleman of the Tuskegee Institute. They were accompanied through the county by Bessie C. Fonville, Jeanes Fund Supervisor of Mobile County; V. A. Barlow, principal of Whistler Public School; Isaiah J. Whitley, principal Plateau Institute Training School; Dr. T. N. Harris of Mobile; J. W. Glover of Plateau and Rev. E. A. Palmer of Russell.

The County Superintendent of Education C. F. Vigor visited one of the meetings and made two speeches.

Over three thousand farmers and truckers were touched by these meetings. The men came for ten and fifteen miles around and brought their wives and children to listen to talks on diversified farming, corn raising and aid to live stock raising, child welfare, home life, health and sanitation. In some of these communities exhibits of truck were brought and displayed.

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Many of the farmers and truckers gave expressions of gratification at these meetings. One man said he was going right home and set out to work some of the plans that he had learned.

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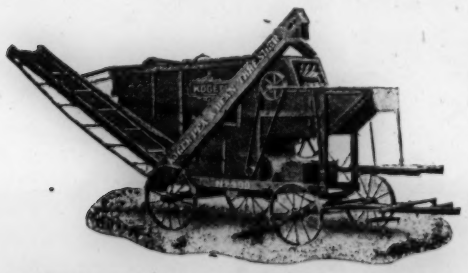

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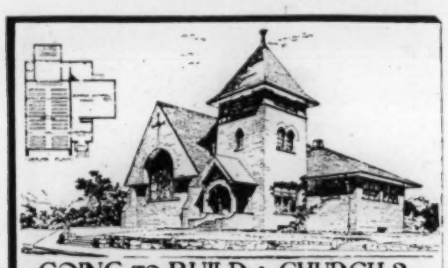

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